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SUBJECT: AQUINO CASE UPDATE

1. AQUINO CASE CONTINUES ITS SEPULCHRAL PACE. AT JANUARY 21 HEARING, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF HACIENDA LUISITA IN TARLAC TESTIFIED HE SAW AQUINO GIVE ARMS AND MONEY TO COMMANDER DANTE IN 1967 AND 1969. FORMER OVERSEER NINTH STATE WITNESS TO TESTIFY BEFORE MILITARY COMMISSION NUMBER 2.

2. ON JANUARY 18, AQUINO'SISTER MRS. LECHAUCHO (PORTECT) GAVE EMOBFF COPY OF LENGTHY STATEMENT AQUINO SENT COMMISSION. SHE SAID AQUINO'S WIFE WANTED EMBASSY TO HAVE IT. (STATEMENT POUCHED EA/PHL.) HE HAD ASKED TO READ STATEMENT BEFORE COMMISSION BUT REQUEST DENIED. STATEMENT REQUESTS SIXTY-DAY POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL AND SUSPENSION OF ALL ANTI-SUBVERSION CASES BEFCAUSE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MINDANAO. FIVE-PAGE STATEMENT IS PROLIX AND DISORGANIZED WITH AQUINO AGAIN CHARGING MILITARY COMMISSION NOT COMPETENT JUDGE HIM FOR ALLEGED CRIMES COMMITTED PRIOR TO MARTIAL LAW. STATEMENT IS ALSO HIGHLY PROVACATIVE WITH AQUINO ADVERTING TO MARCOS' REponsibility FOR 1968 JABIDAH MASSACRE AND QUOTING NOAM CHOMSKY TO EFFECT THAT MARCOS CLAIMED HE WAS DIVINELY INSPIRED TO PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW.

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3. COMMENT: TONE OF AQUINO'S STATEMENT SUGGESTS HE IS STILL FAR FROM PREPARED ADOPT SUBMISSIVE POSTURE WHICH MARCOS WOULD REQUIRE BEFORE TWO OPPONENTS EVEN GET TO THE PLEA BARGAINING STAGE. AQUINO'S FAMILY AND ADVISERS REMAIN AT COMPLETE LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO TO GET CASE OFF DEAD CENTER. OF COURSE, THIS MAY BE PRECISELY WHERE MARCOS WANTS TO KEEP IT.

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